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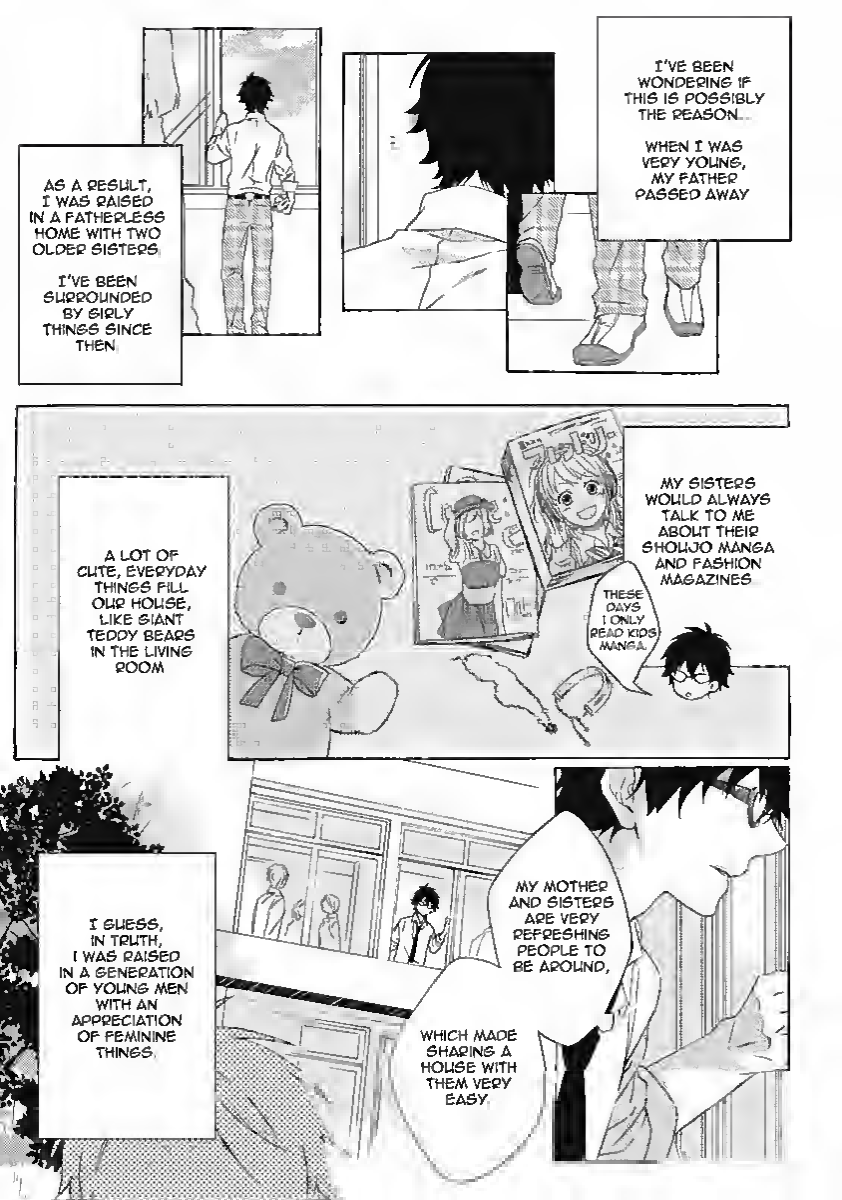

I'VE BEEN WONDERING IF THIS IS POSSIBLY THE REASON...
WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG, MY FATHER PASSED AWAY
AS A RESULT, I WAS RAISED IN A FATHERLESS HOME WITH TWO OLDER SISTERS.
I'VE BEEN SURROUNDED BY GIRLY THINGS SINCE THEN.
MY SISTERS WOULD ALWAYS TALK TO ME ABOUT THEIR SHOUJO MANGA AND FASHION MAGAZINES.
THESE DAYS I ONLY READ KIDS MANGA.
A LOT OF CUTE, EVERYDAY THINGS FILL OUR HOUSE, LIKE GIANT TEDDY BEARS IN THE LIVING ROOM
MY MOTHER AND SISTERS ARE VERY REFRESHING PEOPLE TO BE AROUND,
WHICH MADE SHARING A HOUSE WITH THEM VERY EASY.
I GUESS, IN TRUTH, I WAS RAISED IN A GENERATION OF YOUNG MEN WITH AN APPRECIATION OF FEMININE THINGS.

FOR THIS, RIGHT?
THAT HAS TO BE THE REASON...
LIKING CUTE, GLITTERY, LITTLE THINGS...
AND READING SHOUJO MANGA ABOUT HAVING A CRUSH AND FALLING IN LOVE
AND NOW...
...KEEPING A PASSIONATE EYE ON THIS HANDSOME GUY AT MY SCHOOL.

Chapter 1

TWO MONTHS AFTER ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL...

...MY SECRET PLEASURE IS TO WATCH THIS GUY FROM ANOTHER CLASS.

Sa—
sa—
no!
HEY!
SO? IS SOMETHING HAPPENING OUTSIDE?
PROBABLY JUST THAT GUY
LUNCH! LET'S EAT...
TOGE-THER!
HONESTLY, YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING KOGA...
DO YOU LIKE HIM?
KOGA-KUN?
LIKE IN WHAT WAY?
IN A SEXUAL WAY?
NO WAY! WE'RE BOTH GUYS! IT'S SOME KIND OF SUPER-PUBERTY!
YOU WISH
LATER

I'M SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE FRIENDS THAT ARE OPEN-MINDED...
...ABOUT THE FACT THAT I LIKE ANOTHER GUY.
WELL, GOOD OR BAD, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO DO ANYTHING.
CHEW
CHEW
IF I TOLD HIM THAT I LIKED HIM...
...HE COULD EITHER LIKE ME OR HATE ME.
BUT KOGA-KUN DOESN'T KNOW...
...HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM
I DISCOVERED HIM ON THE DAY OF OUR SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY...

FOR SOME REASON, IN THAT MOMENT, MY GAZE WAS...
...DRAWN TO HIM.
SHOCK
CRUMPLE
IF I WERE TO EXPRESS THAT MOMENT IN WORDS, IT WAS REALLY LIKE...
EVERYTHING GREW HAZY AS STARS AND PETALS SEEMED TO FLY AROUND KOGA-KUN.
THAT GUY IS UNBE-LIEV-ABLE!

SO THAT'S HOW IT ALL HAPPENED.
PERHAPS IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT? THAT'S WHAT I IMAGINE IT IS...
I'M NOT PREJUDICED AGAINST SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS, BUT I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED ONE EITHER
TAP TAP TAP
AFTER ALL, DOES LIKING BEAUTIFUL, FEMININE THINGS DETERMINE ONE'S SEXUALITY?
WELL, I GUESS EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN TASTES.
OH!
HEY, THERE! KOGA-KUN!
SHAKE
LOOK! LOOK! AREN'T THESE SUPER-CUTE?!
THEY LOOK SO REALISTIC! CUUUTE!
OH
THESE DAYS HE'S RARELY ALONE
IMAGINE CALLING OUT TO HIM IN PUBLIC...
...I'M NOT ARROGANT ENOUGH TO EVEN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

AND YET, EVEN NOW, WE STILL HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO EACH OTHER AT ALL...
AFTER THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY I WAS ABLE TO LEARN MORE THROUGH GOSSIP. LIKE HIS CLASS AND HEIGHT.
THANKFULLY, I WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT HIS NAME RIGHT AWAY.
AT LEAST FOR NOW, I'M HAPPY..
...JUST GETTING TO WATCH HIM FROM AFAR.
...REALLY LIKE KOGA-KUN.
KNOWING THAT THIS IS LOVE...
STILL, I...
REALIZE
IS IT POSSIBLE I'VE ACTUALLY FALLEN IN LOVE?
I FEEL SICK! EVEN NOW AFTER SO LONG!!

IT'S ONLY 3 YEARS OF MY HIGH SCHOOL LIFE....
...WANTING TO BE WITH HIM IS HOPELESS.
I MEAN, EVEN IF HE WAS GAY, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING...
JUDGING BY HIS APPEARANCE HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A BAD PERSONALITY...
I GUESS HE MUST ALREADY HAVE A GIRLFRIEND...
I THINK EVEN GOD COULD FAIL TO PREDICT...
FOR NOW, I CAN AT LEAST KEEP WATCHING HIM IN SECRET...
...SOME-THING LIKE...
...THIS HAPPENING.
*JUST NOW.
at work

NONONO NONONO!! GYAAAHH!!
WHY MY STORE?! THEY'RE COMING! THERE'S EVEN MORE OF THEM! ARRGH!!
EVEN OUT OF SCHOOL HE SPENDS TIME WITH GIRLS... AS EXPECTED OF KOGA-KUN!
I'VE DEFINITELY HAD A DREAM LIKE THIS BEFORE
IT'S LIKE WATCHING A SHOUJO MANGA STORYLINE UNFOLD...
BUT...
...I COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED ENCOUNTERING HIM NOW!
HELLO. NEXT, PLEASE
OH, YOU'RE HERE!
AS IT IS, I CAN'T QUIT RIGHT NOW I'LL HAVE TO FINISH MY SHIFT FIRST
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN APPROACH KOGA-KUN HE'S WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE I'D NEVER HAVE THE NERVE...
How embarrassing for you!
EXCUSE ME.
DAMN KIDS.
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE PROBABLY THE SAME AGE
THANK YOU
HEY, KOGA, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
JUST A SEC. I'LL ORDER.
!?

UWAAAH!
AH?
HM
AH! KOGA-KUN IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!
I'LL HAVE THE TERIYAKI BURGER MEAL, PLEASE
WAIT, THIS IS MY BEST CHANCE
I SHOULD ENJOY THIS
AND TO DRINK?
Sparkle
EEEEEEEHH!!
SO CLOSE!
EVEN HIS EYES GLOW! HE'S SO SPARKLY AND SERENE!
OUR EYES MET!!
AAAAAAAAAA
WHO
PUSH
?
COLA
WHAT'S THE MATTER KOGA-KUN?
THIS IS YOUR FAULT MOM
HUH? OH
MORE LIKE, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS GUY?
WAIT HOW INTENTLY AM I STARING AT HIM?!
THAT'S NOT A GOOD EXPRESSION!!

IT SEEMS LIKE THE ATMOSPHERE HAS CHANGED
HUH?
STARE
UH..
WHY IS EVERYONE STARING?
SAY, SHOP-BOY..
EH..?
...YOU SHOULD SMILE!
HUH?
YOU COME ACROSS VERY NEGATIVE!
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T LOOK SO TROUBLED WHEN YOU'RE WORKING! RIGHT, KOGA-KUN?
I'M SO ENTHRALLED BY HOW FLAWLESS YOU LOOK, THAT IF I WERE TO SMILE YOU WOULD REALISE...
IT'S BECAUSE YOUR FACE...
WELL
COULD I ALSO REQUEST A SMILE..?
HEY

THAT REMINDS ME, I'M AT WORK.
I SHOULD BE MORE COURTEOUS.
GRIT
I WONDER...
WAS THAT NOT ALRIGHT?
SO FUNNY!!
GIVE KOGA A SMILE!
I WAS JOKING!!
KOGA-KUN SEEMS BOTHERED BY THEIR TEASING.
SO,
YOUR ORDER WAS...
I'M SERIOUSLY SICK...
I TRIED TO SMILE AND LIGHTEN THE ATMOSPHERE, BUT I FAILED.
IN THE END, I COULDN'T DO IT!
...SET MEAL.
IS THAT CORRECT?
AH... YES.
WILL YOU BE PAYING TOGETHER?
YEAH.

UM...
EXCUSE ME, CASHIER?
YES?
AH... I PROBABLY SEEM LIKE A BITTER GUY, NOW.
PLEASE TAKE A SEAT WHILE YOUR MEAL IS PREPARED I WILL BRING IT TO YOU
THANKS
LET'S GO! LET'S GO!
EH?!
EH?!
STARTLED
BOW
I'M SORRY YOU WERE MADE TO FEEL SO UNCOMFORTABLE BEFORE
I WAS GLAD YOU COULD HELP ME JUST THEN.
THANK YOU!
SO, I SEE...

...EVEN THOUGH I WAS SO UNPLEASANT...
...IN THE END, I WAS ABLE TO HELP HIM OUT.
UH... WELL...
...THEN LET ME KNOW...
...WHEN OUR ORDER IS READY!
NO, NO...
...NOT NOW.
O-KAY?
DRINK- I NEED A DRINK BREAK
JUST WATCHING IS GOOD.
JUST WATCHING IS ENOUGH.
SLIDE
SLIDE
IT SEEMS OUR SKILL DIFFERENCE IS WORLDS APART.
I'M SO PLAIN.
IT'S LIKE ENTERING A WALKING RACE WITH A SHINING STAR WHILE I'M COMPLETELY FROZEN.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO APPROACH HIM!

WHAT CAN I DO..?
AH... DAMN.
REALITY IS OFTEN AWFUL AND CRUEL.
...BUT I KNOW THAT THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME TO OVERCOME.
I ALWAYS FELT THAT DOING MY BEST WOULD BEAR FRUIT...
I'M DRAWN TO THAT GENTLE VOICE.
HE SMELT GOOD... ...INCREDIBLE!
I WISH I UNDERSTOOD WHAT THIS ALL MEANS.
I WANTED TO TOUCH... CLOSER... ...AND CLOSER.
I WANT TO TOUCH...
AH!

AH!
GET BACK TO WORK, SASANO!!
HURRY UP!
DON'T MAKE THIS YOUR LAST DAY!
WHAT CAN I DO?!
AARGH!!
I'M JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS ABOUT SASANO-KUN...
WE WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL HE SEEMS DIFFERENT
I THINK SO?
I THINK HE WAS PART OF A PRETTY QUIET GROUP OF FRIENDS
WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW, KOGA-KUN?
WHAT KIND OF GUY WAS HE LIKE?
SA-SANO?
I JUST REMEMBERED WHERE I'VE SEEN THAT CASHIER BEFORE! SASANO! HE WAS IN MY CLASS!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TOMORROW...?
AH...

第一話 ／ END

SHOCK
CRUMPLE

1-1
HELLO, KOGA-KUN!
OH!
MORN-ING!
EH?
WHY ARE YOU GOING THAT WAY? ISN'T CLASS IN THE OTHER DIRECTION?
JUST A MINUTE I HAVE SOME-THING I NEED TO DO.
AWESOME! I FOUND YOU
GOOD MORN-ING...
SURPRISE
TILT
LET ME SEE...
AH!
OH.
SASANO-KUN... RIGHT?
EH?
UH.
WHA-

YESTERDAY MY FRIENDS TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU.
I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT...
I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU...
UM.
ER,
O-OKAY?
AGAIN, I KNOW THIS IS OUT OF NOWHERE,
BUT I HOPE WE CAN HANG OUT SOME-TIME?
smile
I'D REALLY LIKE TO BECOME FRIENDS...
WITH SASA-NO-KUN!
EH?!

Chapter 2

WHEN PEOPLE FIRST MEET ME, THEY USUALLY FORM AN IMPRESSION OF MY BY THE WAY I LOOK.
I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS...
I'M ALMOST TOO EMBARRASSED TO GIVE AN ANSWER...
BECAUSE, WELL...
...IT'S DIFFICULT TO GIVE A FIRM REJECTION.
I'M SORRY.
I'VE CONSIDERED IT ALL DAY, BUT I MUST DECLINE.
DOING THIS IN FRONT OF THREE PEOPLE IS INTIMI-DATING.
OH...
NO...
SNIFF
TEARY
JOLT

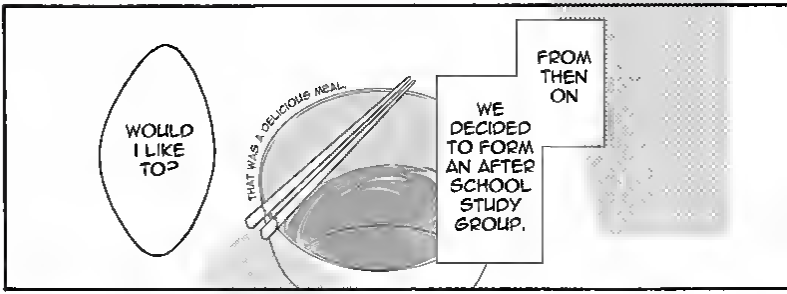
KOGA-KUN, DO YOU KEEP REJECTING GIRLS BECAUSE YOU LIKE MEN?
STEP
LET'S GO
SOE
THAT'S THE RUMOUR THAT'S GOING TO START SPREAD-ING.
AH
.....
I GUESS I'VE GOT ADVANCE NOTICE, AT LEAST...
DAMN KIDS..
SIGH
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE GAY RUMOURS SPREAD ABOUT ME NOW...

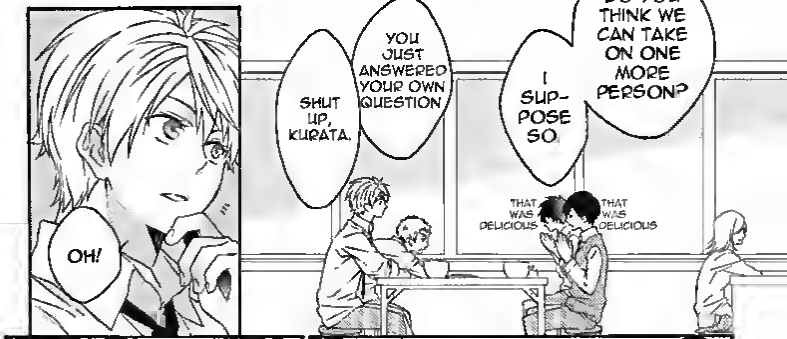
I NEED TO GO BACK FOR MY BAG.
IT'S IN THE CLASSROOM.
I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW,
BUT SUMMER HASN'T EVEN PASSED YET.
I WONDER WHY I FEEL
SO HAPPY AROUND HIM?
IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE I CHARGED INTO SASANO'S CLASSROOM.
THAT DAY I BARGED IN AT LUNCHTIME TOO,
SO WE COULD HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER.
SINCE THEN, I'VE SPENT EVERY LUNCH BREAK WITH HIM.

MY PURPOSE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO GET TO KNOW SASANO,
BUT MOST OF ALL I SIMPLY FEEL COMFORTABLE IN HIS PRESENCE
TRY ONE!
AH THANK YOU
KOGA,
WERE YOU PLANNING TO EAT WITH US TOMORROW?
YEAH, I'D LOVE TO!
I GUESS I CAN'T EXPECT OUR FIRST MEETING TO GO SO SMOOTHLY
HOWEVER
ALTHOUGH SUGIYAMA WAS PRETTY RELENTLESS.
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS IN YOUR OWN CLASS?
BLUNT
HEY! SUGIYAMA!!
THEN TOMORROW WE'LL GO TO THE CAFETERIA!
YOU'LL EXPERIENCE TRUE PAIN!
I'M SORRY..
WHAT?
THE CAFETERIA CHAIRS...
KURATA WAS RIDICULOUSLY HONEST AND OPEN.

I REALLY...
..WANTED TO KNOW HOW SASANO FELT.
WHAT?!
I WILL MAKE GOOD ON MY PROMISE!
AFTER MY DECLARATION OF FRIENDSHIP...
I CAN FEEL HIM WATCHING ME!!
WATCHING..!
WHY?! WHY?!
HUH?
WELL, LET'S GO TO THE CAFETERIA.
EH?
WHY ARE YOU PUSHING ME?!
POOR SASANO.
AND NOW..

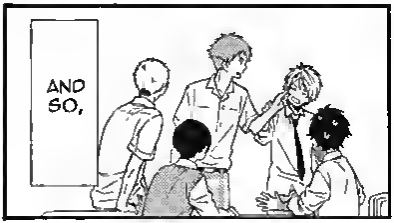
BOTH, I SUPPOSE.
ARE YOU STUDIOUS? WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?
WELL...
KOGA, ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
GOOD-LOOKING IDIOT.
MY GRADES ARE IN THE LOWER-MIDDLE RANKING.
SERIOUS
WOW.
GLOOM
BY THE WAY, SASANO'S GRADES ARE THE SAME
LOWER-MIDDLE.
WOW!
KURATA'S GRADES ARE BAD TOO?
YOU'RE ONE TO CALL KOGA AN IDIOT!


FROM THEN ON
WE DECIDED TO FORM AN AFTER SCHOOL STUDY GROUP.
THAT WAS A DELICIOUS MEAL.
WOULD I LIKE TO?


DO YOU THINK WE CAN TAKE ON ONE MORE PERSON?
I SUP-POSE SO.
YOU JUST ANSWERED YOUR OWN QUESTION.
SHUT UP, KURATA.
THAT WAS DELICIOUS
THAT WAS DELICIOUS
OH!

THAT'S GOING TO ADD TO THE TEACHING ROLE, ISN'T IT?
YOU MUST BE WELL-SUITED TO TEACHING!
?
"WELL-SUITED"?
THIS GUY'S GRADES ARE AVERAGE.

I'VE FOUND THE RIGHT GUY FOR THE JOB!
YOU DIDN'T TELL HIBIYA ANY-THING?
THIS IS HIBIY-!
—I HAVEN'T EXPLAINED ANYTHING YET, JUST BROUGHT HIM ALONG!
HELLO.
?
YOU SHOULD TELL HIM WHAT WE NEED
HELLO
KOGA-KUN KNOWS SO MANY PEOPLE



WITH THE END OF TERM TEST DRAWING CLOSER,

A STUDY GROUP MEETING WAS HELD IN THE LIBRARY.

SO, SUGIYAMA EXPLAINED OUR SITUATION
I SEE
IT'S LIKE THAT
HIBIYA ALREADY LOOKED WORN-OUT BY THE END OF IT, BUT WE SUCCEEDED IN WINNING HIM OVER...

I'M TERRIBLE AT ENGLISH, MATH AND JAPANESE
SNAP
ME TOO!
WAH
YOU'RE BAD AT EVERY-THING
SMACK
OW!
WHAT'S YOUR WEAKEST SUBJECT, KOGA?
ON THAT SUBJECT
THIS MATH PROBLEM!
I DON'T GET IT
THAT IS...
KOGA, WHAT DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
OKAY.
ANY-THING BUT SOCIAL STUDIES
WHAT SUBJECTS CAN YOU COVER, HIBIYA?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS
OKAY... OKAY...
I DON'T GET IT!
WE STILL
HAVEN'T TALKED MUCH
PANIC
HEY PAY ATTENTION
YOU NEED TO MEMORISE THIS
AND THIS
AND THIS
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY...
BEAUTIFUL CHAOS

I SPONTANEOUSLY DRAGGED HIBIYA INTO THIS, BUT

WELL, I GUESS IT'S OKAY.

I MEAN... I'M SURE THIS IS PROBABLY OKAY.

I FEEL COMFORTABLE HERE...

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

LIVING IN THE SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD, OUR PARENTS WERE FRIENDS, SO WE PRACTICALLY GREW UP LIKE BROTHERS.

GLARE

GLARE

...SINCE I BROUGHT ALONG SOMEONE I KNOW WELL...

I UNINTENTIONALLY MADE THE ATMOSPHERE MORE RELAXED.

PFFT
HAGARD
HE'S LAUGHING?!
AH...
DAMN...
THAT-
YOU SAID YOU WERE BAD AT THIS, RIGHT?
LET ME SEE...
YEAH... THANKS...

THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR...
...POINTLESS
HEY!!
WHACK
CONCENTRATE, YOU.
I KNOW MY APPROACHING HIM WAS VERY SUDDEN...
...MAYBE THAT WAS FOOLISH.
SNAP
BASICALLY, I CAN'T SEEM TO CLOSE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND SASANO.

THE TEST IS IN THE MORNING.
IF ONLY
HE WOULD TURN TOWARD ME.
MEAN-WHILE,
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK TO SASANO YET.

第二話 ／ END

Chapter 3

KOGA-KUN!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIBIYA?
I WONDER WHERE HIBIYA IS...
chatter
1-2
chatter
HUH...
YEAH, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE IS?
I THINK THE TEACHER CALLED HIM TO THE STAFFROOM
REALLY?
THANK YOU
STEP
HOW COME...
STEP

...IT'S BEEN SO BUSY TODAY.
PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONFESSION
I'LL MESSAGE HIRIYA
SASANO!
SENT.
AH.
oh, Koga-kun!
HEADING HOME?
DO YOU HAVE WORK TODAY?
STEP
STEP

YES, I THINK...
SO?
?
I SEE.
SO, SUGIYAMA'S BUSY AND KURATA HAS CLUB ACTIVITIES?
AH, NO.
I'M WAITING FOR SUGIYAMA TO FINISH.
DID THAT DIS-COURAGE HIM A LITTLE?
HE'S LAUGHING AT ME AGAIN...
WHY WAS THAT IN QUESTION FORM?
HA HA
YOU'RE TURNING INTO KURATA!
I HOPE HE'S JUST SHY.
...BUT HE NEVER SEEMS AS TENSE WHEN HE'S TALKING TO HIBIYA.
MAYBE HE JUST DOESN'T LIKE...
...ME
FOR A START
I'M NOT THAT WELL LIKED BY MOST GUYS.

I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO RETALIATE IN KIND
I JUST WANT TO END THINGS AS PEACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE
I KNOW MY APPEARANCE MAKES ME STAND OUT..
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONSCIOUS OF THE WAY I ACT..
WHEN PEOPLE SAY CRUEL AND MALICIOUS THINGS ABOUT ME..
CLENCH
AH...
THAT MUST BE WHY...
TODAY HAS BEEN SO
TIRING...

THUMP
AH!
AH!
WHAT'S WRONG, SASANO?
AH... UH...
WHAT ABOUT YOU KOGA-KUN?
ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH?
EH?!
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGISING?!
I'M SORRY!! IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION, SORRY!!
I'M SURE IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION!
STEP BACK
WELL...
ARE YOU FEELING... TIRED?
USUALLY YOU'RE SO LIVELY
AND..
I HAVE HEADACHE MEDICINE OR STOMACH MEDICINE IF YOU NEED IT!!!
DEEP
DIMPLED

.....
.....
.....
.... OH?
SO... ANYTIME YOU NEED SOME...
I...
DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD TOLERATE IT...
IF I CAN HELP YOU
I THINK...
PFT
!?
LAUGHING AGAIN?
I WONDER...
...WHY I'M SO HAPPY?
THAT SHAKY VOICE AND RED FACE...
HIS EYES..
ALTOGETHER IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
!
YO.
?
ARE WE INTERR-UPTING SOME-THING?
WHAT?!
WELL,
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A VERY IMPORTANT CONVERS-ATION

IS IT JUST ME?
AH. NO. IT'S NOTHING. SERIOUSLY.
WHAT?
WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR VOICE?
...TO SASANO
NOW I'M WONDERING WHAT THAT WAS...
YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME IN THEIR CLASS LATELY.
KOGA...
I FELT LIKE I WAS GETTING CLOSER...

HUH?
OH, WELL... IT'S ONLY BEEN ABOUT 3 DAYS, RIGHT?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN SO PRO-ACTIVE, ISN'T IT?
.....
THAT..
IS THAT SO?
IS IT SASANO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NO?
SO WHY IS IT?
WHAT?
BLOCK HEAD
SMACK
OW!
WELL...
IF I THINK ABOUT IT..

IF I HAD TO SAY, IT'S...
INTUITION.
.....
!INTUI-TION?
UHUH
NO!
EH?
TO BE HONEST,
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT HIM THAT CAUGHT MY EYE
HE WASN'T VERY SOCIABLE BUT
...I FELT...
...THAT HE WAS A GOOD PERSON
IT'S WEIRD. MY THOUGHTS FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ALL JUMBLED UP RIGHT NOW.
I SEE.
BUT...

UNDERNEATH HIS AWKWARDNESS, HE SEEMS TO HAVE A VERY GENTLE NATURE.
SO, IN OTHER WORDS,
MY INTUITION TELLS ME THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH HIM.
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT I CAN
BRING THAT SIDE OUT OF HIM.
THAT'S ABSURD
REALLY?
BUT, I THINK...
IT'S TYPICAL OF YOU.
Lykke
THIS MIGHT...
...BE GOOD.
HEY!
Let's go!

OH
SOME-THING WRONG, KOGA-KUN?
BUT, I SHOULD GIVE HIM TIME TO GET USED TO ME. I DON'T WANT TO PRESSURE HIM...
YO
ALRIGHT!
AFTER THIS I HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE ELEMENTARY
WOULD YOU SAY WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, TOO?
MY...
REMEMBERS A CONVERSATION.
MY SAVIOR!!
WHAT.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE HE'S SHY?
SASANO'S GONE TO WORK!
GRAB

IT'S DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND...
STANDARD OR STYLE...
YOU DON'T THINK IT'S HOPELESS?
PROBABLY NOT, BUT IT DEPENDS ON HIM.
IT UPSETS SASANO WHEN YOU LAUGH AT HIM.
EH?
LAUGHING UPSETS HIM.
SERIOUS LOOK
HUH?!
BUT I STOP THE MOMENT I START TALKING...
AH...
COME ON, KOGA.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE LIKE A CELEBRITY.
I AM?

HUH?! BUT I'M JUST A REGULAR GUY, RIGHT?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ANTOG-ONISED A MINOR CHAR-ACTER
HOW?!
NER-VOUS.
IT MAKES HIM VERY...
WELL, YOU KNOW, WHEN HE SEES YOU LAUGHING AND TALKING?
YOU KNOW, SASANO REALLY... ADMIRES YOU? HE REALLY LIKES WATCHING YOU.
IF IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE JUST AVOID HIM.
DON'T WORRY, HE'S HARMLESS
WELL, NOT THAT I REALLY CARE ALL THAT MUCH.
...BUT I REALLY WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH SASANO.
WELL, I SUPP-OSE
YOU NEED A WAY TO SPEAK TO HIM THAT WON'T MAKE THINGS ANY WORSE.

I KNOW I'M BEING TROUBLESOME BUT I COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP.
I'M SURE I COULD FIND SOME WAY TO REPAY YOU.
SIGH.
SIGH?
YEAH PRETTY MUCH
MY ADVICE?
THERE'S ONE THING YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOT-TEN
OH!
THIS IS A RATHER HANDY DEVICE THESE DAYS
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT..

ISN'T IT NATURAL TO HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN CERTAIN THINGS?
!
PANT...
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A MONTH AND I STILL HAVEN'T HAD A PROPER CONVERSATION WITH SASANO
YES?
SASANO!
THRILLST
HAAAAA...
SINCE I DON'T USE MY CELL-PHONE ALL THAT MUCH
I COMP-LETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT.
SO, CAN I HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFO?
UH...
KOGA-KUN?
EH?!

BE-SIDES,
THEN I WON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT I DON'T KNOW YOUR NUMBER
EH?
SO THAT YOU'RE NOT SO TENSE AROUND ME
I'D REALLY LIKE FOR US
TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.
JUST IN CASE I NEED SOME MEDI-CINE
FOR A HEAD-ACHE OR MY STOM-ACH!
SQUEEZE
YOU REMEMBERED?!
I DEFINITELY REMEMBERED!
THIS IS SURELY THE FIRST STEP.
I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD SEND..
OR MAYBE...
A BAND-AID...
—IN MY FIRST EMAIL..
HEY!
IT'S SO GOOD TO FIND OUT THAT I'M NOT HATED.
AH.

第三話（だいわ） ／ END

GRAB

IT'S SUMMER
かき氷
冷やしや華 始めました。
かき氷
IT'S SUMMER VACATION
SEN-SEI,
TELL ME THE FIRST FOUR
SOLVE IT YOURSELF
CHATTER
HMMPH
CHATTER
CHATTER
IT'S SUPPLE-MENTARY LESSONS

Chapter 4

TALK QUIETLY!
LIP-SYNCH, LIP-SYNCH
IT'S MUR!
EMAIL
SINCE WE EXCHANGED CONTACT INFO,
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO EMAIL KOGA-KUN.
EVEN HIS EMOT-ICONS ARE SUPER-CUTE!
Koga-kun
Morning!
Going back to bed again! (つω・)
You've got supplementary lessons today, right? Do your best! ヽ(ｏ)ﾉ
I STILL HAVEN'T REPLIED...
YOU'RE LOOKING REFRESHED, SASANO.

YOU'RE TOO NOISY!!
YOU KNEW WITHOUT LOOKING!
EH?
OH, AN EMAIL?
SOME-THING FROM KOGA?
WAAH!
AM I THAT EASY TO READ?
...HOW MANY IS THAT NOW?
SLED
YOU TWO SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN CLOSE...
...WHILE I'VE BEEN BUSY WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES.
SIGH
IN LONG DISTANCE TRACK AND FIELD!
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT I'M EXCUSED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THAT CLUB!
HAVE YOU MET WITH KOGA SINCE SUMMER STARTED?
ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK.
WELL...
HE KNOWS I'VE GOT SUPPLE-MENTARY LESSONS...
I'M SORRY, I FORGOT
SOME FRIEND...
AH, SPEAKING OF...

EVEN IF YOU INVITE HIM OUT, YOU'LL BE REJECTED
HE'LL BE TOO SHOCKED AND REFUSE YOU
WHAT?!
ALTHOUGH WE FINISH UP AT NOON.
IMPOSSIBLE!
THERE'S NO WAY!
DON'T START FREAKING OUT I THINK I KNOW A WAY SO HE WON'T REJECT YOU
HEY!
JITTER
YOU SHOULD ASK HIM TO GO OUT ON THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
RUSTLE
THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW?
RUSTLE
LET ME SEE, I'M SURE...
AH! HERE!
夏まつり
THE FESTIVAL!

ALRIGHT!
PAT
BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HELP AT MY FAMILY'S STALL THIS YEAR!
I'M SORRY, I DON'T KNOW ANY BIG STRONG PEOPLE
IT'S AN ANNUAL EVENT, SO YOU HAVE THE PRETEXT THAT IT'S A RARE EVENT!
WHO ELSE?
IT IS- I SUPPOSE
CAN I POSSIBLY ASK HIM?
SORRY
WOULD YOU TWO QUIT FOOLING AROUND!
(SENSEI)
IT'S DECIDED?!
IT'S DECIDED! OKAY! YOU JUST NEED TO EMAIL HIM, OR YOU COULD CALL HIM
GEE, HE'S SO NERVOUS.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Email Complete
DING
IT

OKAY TAKE THESE PRINT-OUTS!
YES
DONG
DANG
DONG
DING
YES
EH?
I CAN'T WAIT !!
BEEP
MAIL SENT !!!
EH?
I CAN'T HELP SCREAMING
A
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
!!
IT'S SENT, YAY! ☆
HEE!
HOW COULD YOU?! AAAAAARRRRRGH!!
STAARE
KURATSU...
KURATSU... YOU...

From Koga-kun
Title OK!!
Thanks for the invitation! Amazing! I'm so happy! (●ω●)
What time shall we meet?
...REPLY ALREADY!
QUICK REPLY!
BLUSH
THAT EMOTI-CON!
ALRIGHT! THAT'S A DATE!
N-N-NO WAY! IT'S NOT!
IT'S JUST THAT GAMES ARE A LOT EASIER TO PLAY WHEN YOU HAVE TWO PEOPLE!
CALM DOWN, THIS IS REALITY!
DOESN'T THAT MAKE IT EVEN MORE IMPOSS-IBLE!
THIS IS A BETRAYAL, KURATA! YOU'RE ANOTHER SADISTIC BASTARD! JUST LIKE SUGIYAMA!
OH!

MAIL SENT.
OH, BOY.
THIS KID IS AN IDIOT.
YOU TWO GET OUT OF HERE NOW
YES!
HE'S THE WORST PERSON TO ASK FOR HELP!!
OI! YOU FOOL!
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
SUGI-YAMA!
I'LL ASK SUGIYAMA FOR HELP!
OH, I GOT AN E-MAIL.
From Sugiyama
Title Re
I think I understand
I'll contact Hibiya too
So don't be nervous ^ ^
BEEP
AT LEAST FOR NOW /
THAT...
WAS COMP-LETELY
...OKAY.
DO YOUR BEST!
SIGH
OKAY?
?

I HOPE HE'S GOT A PLAN...
?
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW ARRIVED QUICKLY...
AND IT'S NOW FESTIVAL DAY.
FIDGET
FIDGET
I HOPE THIS GOES OKAY, I DON'T WANT THINGS TO BE WEIRD
.....
OW!
KICK
STEP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ANNOY-ING.
OH..
AH..
THUD

HEY!
THAT'S QUITE A MONO-TONE!
I THINK IT'S BASIC COURTESY TO STICK TO A SCHEDULE.
NO, WE JUST GOT HERE.
SORRY.
DID WE KEEP YOU WAIT-ING?
SORRY I PLANNED TO GET HERE EARLIER
IT'S OKAY.
WE GOT HERE EARLY.
WHAT'S WITH THIS DIFFER-ENCE IN TREAT-MENT?!
SMILE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.. HASN'T IT?
SAS-ANO
TURN
THANKS FOR INVITING ME!
WELL!
SAME HERE! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
AGAIN WITH THE FAST TALKING
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
SLOT

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO DO RIGHT NOW?
S-SUGI-YAMA..
BU-
HE'S A HANDSOME GUY, NO MATTER WHAT HE'S WEARING, BUT I THINK YOU'D REALLY LIKE TO TEAR THOSE CLOTHES OFF HIM RIGHT NOW
!!?
B-BULLY-ING ISN'T NICE..
YEAH, YEAH.
EH?
WHAT'S WRONG, SASANO?
DON'T WORRY IT'S JUST AN ATTACK.
WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?
OH! I WANT TO HAVE SHAVED ICE!
YOU GET THAT EVERY YEAR
I LIKE IT WHEN IT'S REALLY SOFT!
SOFT
YOU DON'T COME ACROSS IT MUCH AT FESTIVALS, DO YOU?
THAT REMINDS ME...

WHERE IS IT THAT KURATA IS WORKING?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS BUT HE EMAILED ME
WHERE IT IS.
flip
UMM...
TAP TAP
TUG
THERE SEEM TO BE A LOT OF STALLS.
OH, HEY!
THOSE TWO..?
AH! HERE..
A YAKISOBA STALL...
SO CLOSE!
CAN I SEE?
OH! YEAH
STEP
HUH?!
WHERE?
WHIRL

WHAT IS HE DOING?!
...AH
Hibiya and I were caught up in the crowd Sorry ^_^
It's annoying, but we might as well split up and look around
We can meet up when the fireworks start
LOOKING
FROM SUGI-YAMA
!?
IT SEEMS THAT THE CROWD HAS INCREASED...
...AND SWEPT THEM AWAY...
SORRY, KOGA-KUN, THIS IS PROBABLY ALL SUGIYAMA'S DOING.
CLOSE
THIS WAS DEFINITELY HIS PLAN...
DAMN YOU, SUGIYAMA!
DOES HE HAVE ANY CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS ?
DOES HE THINK THIS IS FUNNY ?!
TO BE FORCED INTO THIS KIND OF THING...
?
I THINK SUGIYAMA'S PLAN IS A GOOD ONE.

AS LONG AS YOUR HAPPY TO STICK WITH ME?
STEP
WE'LL BE OKAY IF WE STAY IN GROUPS OF TWO.
WE MIGHT EVEN FIND THEM AS WE WALK AROUND
EH?
YES!
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY!
I'M HAPPY...
TO STAY WITH YOU, IF YOU ARE...
...WELL, LET'S GO HAVE A LOOK AROUND THEN
Y-
YEAH!
YOU REALLY LIKE THAT STUFF...
FIRST STOP: SHAVED ICE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DRAGGED ME INTO THIS.
HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT
WHY?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK.
...ARE YOU OKAY?
...DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY WANT THIS TO BE A DATE?
YEAH, EVEN I'M SURPRISED THEY WANT TO DATE.
POP-OUT
POP-OUT
THAT WAS CLOSE
THAT'S FOR SURE.
WHO?
I THOUGHT SOMEONE ELSE LIKED SASANO.
YOU.
REALLY?
I LIKE HIM.
BUT DEFINITELY NOT THE WAY YOU MEAN.

I GUESS I SUSPECTED SOMETHING WEIRD, SORRY...
HM
CHATTER
CHATTER
YES, IT'S VERY WHOLE-SOME.
NOD
ISIGH
I'M NOT BOTHERED, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
BUT, BY ALL MEANS, IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER, WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER OVER FOOD!
OKAY!
PAT
OKAY, OKAY.
I'LL BE HAPPY TO TREAT YOU.
YAY!
I WANT TAKO-YAKI, YAKITON AND CHOCO-BANANA, PLEASE!

CHOCO-BANANA..?
I LIVE ON THEM
IN A MORTAL SENSE
HAVEN'T I EARNED IT?
SMILE
TCH.
HE'S A DEVIL...
SIGH
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
LET'S GO
NOTHING.
YEAH YEAH
WELL,
I GUESS WE SHOULD GO THIS WAY, THEN.
SO DOES SASANO KNOW MUCH ABOUT KOGA?
YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SPILL?
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A CHILD-HOOD FRIEND?
HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T DISLIKE HIM
AFTER ALL, HE'S FREE TO LOVE WHO-EVER HE WANTS
THE WORDS OF A HAND-SOME MAN
FOUND THE CHOCO-BANANAS!

THERE'S CERTAINLY A LOT OF YAKISOBA, AS EXPECTED
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
SODA!
JUST A NORMAL ONE, PLEASE
THERE'S ALSO WHITE SLIT WHAT ABOUT-
THANK YOU
OH
FREEZE
SODA!
CRUNCH
AH
THAT LOUD VOICE SOUNDS A LOT LIKE KURATA.
I'M OKAY!
I'M OKAY!
BE CAREFUL
HOW MANY TIMES AM I GOING TO BLUSH WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME TODAY?!
HIS FACE!
SO CUTE!
BLUSH
YOU OKAY?
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
!!!
...DESPITE THE FACT THAT WERE HERE TOGETHER,
I CAN'T KEEP UP A SENSIBLE CONVERSATION. I JUST ACT WEIRD

KOGA-KUN STILL
LAUGHS AT ME.
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED HIM, IT'S PATHETIC...
IT TASTES NICE, RIGHT?
I GUESS HE'D BE SHOCKED IF...
IT'S CUTE..!!
IT...
WHIRL

DAMN IT!
I WANT THAT CUTIE SO MUCH!!
ANYONE WHO CAN'T SEE HOW CUTE THIS IS HAS TO BE AN IDIOT!
WOW! THIS GUY LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE ONE I HAVE AT HOME.
STARTLED
!?
WHAT IS IT?
SAS-ANO?
DO YOU WANT IT?
THAT STUFFED TOY.
UH-
WHA-

SO, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF THAT, REALLY!
OH!
LOOK! THEY HAVE
YAKI-SOB OVE THE
MISTER,
ONE TICKET, PLEASE
SURE.
O-OH, C-COME ON! THAT THING?!
OF COURSE NOT!
IT'S JUST, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT TARGET SHOOTING, I GUESS I'D LIKE TO BECOME BETTER AT IT!
A GUN?
SMILE
SO, WHAT SHOULD I AIM FOR TO GET THAT STUFFED TOY?
IT-
HEY...
HEY...
THE SMALL BOARD ON THE TOP SHELF.
K...
KOGA-KUN...?
HM?
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

IT'S OKAY, SASANO.
I THINK I UNDER-STAND.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!
OH, DID YOU LIKE YOUR CUP OF SHAVED ICE?
OH YES, THANK YOU.
ALTHOUGH,
THERE'S STILL A LOT I DON'T KNOW.
CLICK
PLEASE TELL ME WHY
YOU TRIED TO LIE ABOUT NOT WANTING THIS PRESENT.
BREATHE
BANG

HE USED UP ALL THE BULLETS..
JUST TO WIN IT
I'M A CUST-OMER!
I DISLIKE YOU.
I DON'T DISLIKE YOUR ATTITUDE, SONNY.
LOOK GLASSES BIG BROTHER
TURN
SOMETHING I NEVER NOTICED UNTIL I WATCHED HIM...
EDIN
HE'S AS COOL AS I EXPECTED
I DEFINITELY THINK THERE'S SO MUCH MORE..
SIGH
...TO KNOW ABOUT HIM
HUH?
SASANO, THIS WAY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ONLY CAME HERE TO GET SOME NOODLES!
THANK YOU!

THE FIREWORKS ARE STARTING SOON, RIGHT?
I ALSO GOT SOME YAKISOBA, SO WHY DON'T WE FIND SOMEWHERE TO SIT?
AFTER THIS..
!?
!?

...IT SEEMS LIKE I'M NO MATCH FOR HIM
WE CAN GO TO THE PARK WE AGREED TO MEET AT AND WATCH
THE FIRE-WORKS!
THAT LITTLE PARK NEVER SEEMS TO GET MANY VISITORS
IT'S MORE RELAXING WITH FEWER PEOPLE AROUND
AH I SEE.

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID BEFORE
AT THE TARGET SHOOT?
AH
AH! H-H-HANDS? HOLDING HANDS! WHY ARE WE HOLDING HANDS?!
THERE'S CERTAINLY NOONE AROUND
YEAH..
THERE..
WAS NO HIDDEN INTENTION THERE...
WELL, I HOPE I WASN'T TERRIBLY CRUEL, AS FAR AS BULLY-ING GOES
AH...
YEAH...
I JUST BECAME A LITTLE MORE AWARE...
I GUESS I WAS TEASING A LITTLE, TOO.
THE STRENGTH OF OUR CONNECTED HANDS...

DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?
I LIKE SWEETS.
OH?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR A GUY TO BE JUDGED BY HIS FAMILY FOR LIKING PARFAIT?
AH,
BLUUUUUUU
UUUUUSH
IT'S MY FAVOURITE.
I LIKE BEAUTIFUL, PRETTY THINGS.
I LIKE SEWING, EVEN ACCESSORIES FOR ANIMALS.
HIS VOICE,
THE ATMOSPHERE
IS SO TENDER AND KIND
BOOM
I HAVE A PUPPY. A MINI-SHIBA.
WELL, I HAVE QUITE A FEW PETS.
Really?!
ENTHUSIASTICALLY
DOG

HERE
I REALLY LIKED IT AND WENT BACK TO THE STORE AND BOUGHT ANOTHER ONE
I WAS ACTUALLY LAUGHED AT
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AFTER AND DECIDED ON SECOND THOUGHT
SMILE
THAT'S ME IN GENERAL, THOUGH.
!
BUT I'M CERTAIN YOU FEEL DIFFER-ENT, TOO.
!?
I KNEW THAT IF I TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS
YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HATE ME
NOT IN A BAD WAY, OF COURSE
OH, YOUR YAKISORA

...THANK YOU...
BESIDES,
THE WAY YOU LIT UP WHEN YOU SAW THAT STUFFED TOY WAS REALLY CUTE
PTOUEY
WHEN I SAW YOUR FACE, I JUST KNEW I HAD TO GET IT FOR YOU.
EH?!
K-K-K-KOGA-KUN!!
HEY!
I THINK YOU'RE LAUGHING!
PET
AH...
ONCE AGAIN, I WAS BEING PUSHY..
...GIVING YOU THAT STUFFED TOY, HUH?
SORRY SORRY
THIS GUY
SMACK

...GO ABOVE AND BEYOND...
WHY IS IT THAT YOU ALWAYS...
I CAN TAKE IT, IF YOU DON'T WANT IT.
I DON'T WANT TO FORCE IT ON TO YOU.
...FOR ME?
THANK YOU.
OH!
SO, I REALLY DO...
I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH IT!
...LIKE KOGA-KUN.
?
OKAY
LET'S EAT!
IS THAT SO! OKAY THEN!

?
GASP
SO CLOSE!
YOU GUYS SEEM TO BE OKAY, WE WERE WORRIED...
.. WELL, HIBIYA WAS WORRIED
YOU ARE ABSO-LUTELY UNBE-LIEVABLE !!!
YOU TWO
CERTAINLY SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG WELL.
ARE THEY GOOD?
OH
IT'S YUM
THIS IS MY SECOND TODAY.
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP EATING!
WE WERE SEARCHING AND SEARCH-ING...
HIM
YEAH, HE DIDN'T WANT TO BUY IT THOUGH.
WHO?
IS THAT WHITE CHOCO-LATE?
CHOCO-BANANA...

BOOM
!
?
IS THAT SO, HIBIYA?
IT WAS NO-THING...
SUDDENLY
STAR
TLED
WE SHOULD COME BACK NEXT YEAR!
THE FIRE-WORKS
ARE END-ING..
WE SHOULD...
DON'T LAUGH
AMA-ZING! THE WAY HE JUMPS!
I WAS
JUST THINKING THE SAME THING!
AH
YEAH!
LET'S COME BACK AGAIN!

AH, BUT NOW...
...OUR GROUP IS ABOUT TO GET A LITTLE NOISIER.
OH.
!
WHOA.
AGAIN!
OI!
HEY!

WHERE CAN YOU SET OFF FIREWORKS AROUND HERE?

第四話（だいよわ） / END

CHATTER
CHATTER
HERE IT IS.
SASANO!
MAY I REQUEST A LITTLE DISINFECTANT?
THAT'S...
BLOOD
!!
AH!
YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK!
TAKE A SEAT FOR NOW!
YOU'RE GETTING CARRIED AWAY.
YOUR HAND IS BLEEDING?!
PANIC
PANIC
JUST A LITTLE
I JUST BUMPED INTO SOMEONE BEFORE.
I THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING IN THERE.
第×回
体育
A STONE...
IT'S RATHER DEEP...
IS IT ALRIGHT LIKE THIS?
THIS BIG PLASTER?
OH!
KOGA-KUN.
YEAH, THANKS
I'LL BE WEARING GLOVES

YOU KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, TOO!
I'LL BE WATCHING FROM HERE.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK CHEERING!
Y-
YEAH.
EVER SINCE THE DAY OF THE SUMMER FESTIVAL,
EVERY TIME SASANO SMILES AT ME I FEEL UNSETTLED.
STEP
I'M NOT USED TO IT YET.
STEP
STEP
IT'S BAD FOR MY HEART.
IT'S OKAY.
THAT WAS FAST

Chapter 5

CHATTER
TWITCH
CHATTER
WHAT IS THIS?
THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB TOOK THESE AT THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL
IT'S INTERESTING HOW MANY PICTURES THEY TOOK OF KOSA COMPARED TO EVERYONE ELSE
YOU COULD AT LEAST SMILE ABOUT IT!
TURN
I'M TOO EMBARRASSED
WHERE'S SASANO?
FLIP
BATHROOM?
HE SHOULD BE BACK SOON.
HE'S HELPING SOMEONE

STEP
YEAH.
THEY WENT TO JUNIOR HIGH WITH ME AND SASANO
FROM THE PHOTO-GRAPHY CLUB..?
THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT THESE PHOTOS
KOGA-KUN IS HERE!
OH.
AH.
AH.
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
!
THEY STILL CALL OUT TO EACH OTHER..?
HOW CLOSE ARE THEY
THAT HE HELPS HER OUT EVEN NOW..?

BA-THUMP
THUMP
WHO IS SHE?
THUMP
...THAT GIRL IS FROM THE PHOTO-GRAPHY CLUB...
IN BRIEF
THAT'S SHIMIZU-SAN FROM CLASS 4! SHE LOOKS REALLY SWEET AND CUTE
DON'T BE FOOLED, THOUGH. SHE CAN BE RUTHLESS.
DO THOSE TWO GET ALONG WELL?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SUGIYAMA?

WELL, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOUR BEST BET WOULD BE TO TALK TO HER.
REALLY?
SASANO BEING GOOD FRIENDS
WITH A GIRL...
...YEAH.
WHY WOULD THAT BOTHER ME?
YOU'RE BACK
I'M HERE!

...WANTS YOU TO TAKE THEM TO THE CLUB ROOM TOMORROW...
...KOGA-KUN
ME?
GLANCE
SHE LEFT THE PHOTOS,
BUT SHE...
UM...
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO TOMORROW,
IS THAT OKAY?
IT'S OKAY.
WHY KOGA?
I DON'T KNOW...
SHE DIDN'T REALLY SAY..
COULD IT BE A CONFESSION?!
SHIMIZU-SAN'S GOT HER SIGHTS ON KOGA!
OH!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE WANTS,
SMILE
BUT I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE THEM BACK.
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS...

WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGISING FOR, SASANO?
LOOK, IT'S LUNCH TIME!
OH, YEAH
CLATTER
OH, WHERE'S HIBIYA?
I SAW HIM TALKING TO A TEACHER EARLIER
...WELL.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT
BEING A CONFESSION.
HUH?
'HY?
O! LET'S EAT!
THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR DESSERT!
SIT DOWN, KOGA!
CLATTER
OH,
YEAH...
DON'T YOU ALWAYS EAT YOUR LUNCH BEFORE LUNCH TIME?

EXCUSE ME,
PLEASE
KER-CHAK
AH.
SHIMIZU-SAN, RIGHT..?
ALONE
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M SHIMIZU.
CLASS 4.
写真部
SORRY TO CALL YOU IN SO SUDDENLY.
NOT A PROBLEM.
I'M KOGA, CLASS 3
YES, I KNOW.
QUICKLY
UH
YEAH..
HERE'S YOUR ALBUM.
THANK YOU
DID SASANO SAY ANYTHING?
HE SAID THAT YOU TAKE REALLY BEAUTIFUL PICTURES.

AH...
IS THAT SO?
AH.
YES, WELL..
THIS SUMMER YOU WERE CONFESSED TO BY A GIRL CALLED MIYAHARA, RIGHT?
THIS AGAIN..?
WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED FROM ME?
!
MIYA-HARA..?
THIS GIRL

OH!
LONG-HAIRED...?
THIS ONE
THE LONG-HAIRED ONE.
AH, SORRY, I FORGOT.
I WAS WITH HER AT THE TIME SHE CONFESSED..
I WAS FRIEND B.
I AM NOT...
YEAH...
MOST GUYS WOULDN'T REMEMBER THE BY-STANDERS.
I SUPPOSE IT'S NOT UNUSUAL?
BUT IT WOULD BE NICE
IF YOU REMEMBERED THE FACE OF THE GIRL WHO CONFESSED.
MIYA-HARA'S FRIEND A
MADE SOME THREAT TO YOU?
WHAT TO DO
MAKING A VERY GOOD IMPRESSION RIGHT NOW!

THAT YOU TURNED MIYAHARA DOWN BECAUSE YOU PREFER MEN
AH, RIGHT.
I THINK THE LACK OF REACTION SHOWS THAT NO RUMOURS HAVE SPREAD.
THAT GIRL THOUGHT THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANY-THING.
EH?
SHE DIDN'T DO SUCH A FOOLISH THING.
WELL...
SHE JUST WANTED YOU TO THINK SHE'D SAY SOME-THING.
WELL, I HAVE THINGS TO DO.
I'VE SAID ALL I NEEDED TO.
YOU CAN GO NOW.
GOOD BYE
NO, NO!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT?
WELL?
UM... WELL,
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO TELL ME THIS?
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING JUDGED...

GUYS LIKE THAT ARE REAL AIRHEADS.
GIRLS, TOO.
FREE-LOADER..?
KOGA-KUN, YOU KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE A CONFESSION SO LIGHTLY, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD OFFER A FIRM REJECTION, RATHER THAN ACT LIKE SOME FLIGHTY FREELOADER
YOU GAVE MIYAHARA SUCH A WEAK REPLY.
YOU SEEMED TO HATE THE POSITION YOU WERE PUT IN.
THAT'S GOOD...
I THINK THAT'S EVERY-THING.
AH... I FEEL BETTER.
I'M STARTING TO SENSE A LINK...
WELL...
THANK YOU.
IT WAS RATHER SELFISH, FOR THAT I'M SORRY
BUT I THINK HER WAY OF APPROACHING YOU WASN'T GREAT, YOU FELT UNDER PRESSURE.
IT REALLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN PRIVATE.
EH?
...BETWEEN THESE TWO PEOPLE.
YOU REMIND ME OF SOME-ONE CLOSE TO SASANO
...YOU'RE LIKE SUGI-YAMA

I'M NOT YOUR TYPE AT ALL.
HEY!
I JUST WANT TO SAY,
I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR WAY NOW
WELL,
AH HA HA!
GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
DON'T COMPARE ME TO THAT TRICKSTER!!
SHOO!
SHOO!
THAT'S OFFENSIVE!
AH
YEAH.
AN UNEXPECTED TALENT
BUT THAT'S JUST MY GUT FEELING
NOT THAT I COULD EVER LIKE A PRETTY BOY LIKE YOU.
WELL,
SEE YOU.

WHY...
...WHY?
KOGA-KUN!
WHY DO I...
...WANT TO BE NEAR SASANO SO MUCH?

HEY, OVER HERE!
YOU BUY-ING?
BROUGHT MINE
PROB-ABLY IN THE USU-
OH!
WHERE ARE THEY?
COME ON, KOGA!
TELL US EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED YESTER-DAY!
RIGHT NOW?!
I DON'T MIND, WHILE WE'RE EATING!
HEY
OH
WHAT HAPP-ENED?
...SO, THAT'S IT.
THAT DIDN'T LIVE UP TO KURATA'S EXPEC-TATIONS
AH, IT WASN'T A CONFES-SION!
THERE WAS NO WAY IT WOULD BE.
I'M OUT!
BITE

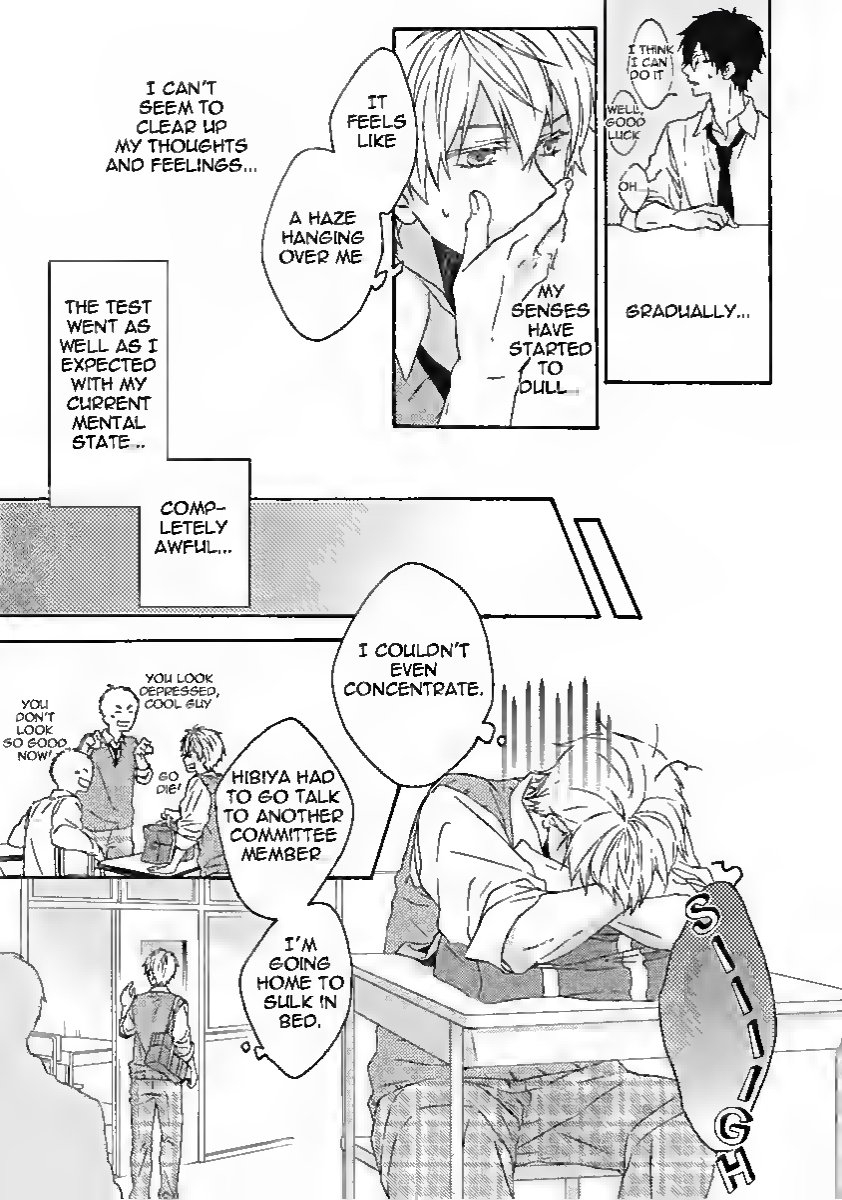
I WAS WORRIED IT WOULD BE.
SUGI-YAMA...
YOU SAID THAT YESTER-DAY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BECAUSE YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T LIKE SHIMIZU.
WELL, SHE SAID SO HER-SELF.
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND.
SHIMIZU-SAN IS SO BLUNT
SHE'S NOT ONE TO MAKE POLITE CONVER-SATION
WELL DOESN'T SHE LIKE THE EXACT OPPOSITE TO KOGA?
SHIMIZU CONFESSED TO SASANO IN JUNIOR HIGH.
MORE LIKE THIS GUY.
?
OH.

YOU TURNED HER DOWN?!
DON'T ACT SUPERIOR! GRR!!
I APOLOGISED.. AND..
IT'S ANCIENT HISTORY
WELL,
CLATTER
EH?!
SERIOUSLY?!
AH, I SEE.
THERE'S NO NEED TO HIDE IT.
OI!
WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT?!
KURATA, YOU'RE TOO LOUD
BUT DON'T START ACTING SUPERIOR!
I'M THE SAME
"TYPICAL OF SASANO"
I WANT TO LAUGH
BECAUSE I ONLY CONSIDERED HER A FRIEND...
NOW, WE'RE JUST FRIENDS
BUT SHE REALLY HATED MY HALF-HEARTED RESPONSE.
WELL...
THAT'S TYPICAL OF SASANO, I SUPPOSE.

THE DIFFERENCE IS
?
SHIMIZU STILL LIKES SASANO.
I REMEMBER HOW
HER FACE WAS TRANS-FORMED...
...BY THAT SOFT SMILE
CLENCH
I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE FEELING BAD...
...BY THE THOUGHT THAT HE COULD SEE HER AS A LOVE INTEREST
THEN
SASANO COULD HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
EH?
UH...
WHY AM I...

FEELING SO SHOCKED?
!!!!!
AH-
WELL,
THE MID-TERM TESTS ARE COMING UP, ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO BE OKAY?
SHOCK
THESE TWO HAVE SUPPLE-MENTARY LESSONS!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KOGA?
MID-TERM
!!!!!
COMP-LETELY SCREWED!
RELIABLE IDIOTS.

WELL...
WHAT?
FROM NOW ON WE'LL WORK HARD!
UGH...
IT LOOKS LIKE SUGIYAMA-SENSEI WILL BE BACK.
HIBIYA-SENSEI IS IN CHARGE.
RELAX.
I NEED TO LEARN EVERY-THING!
HELP ME, HIBIYA-SENSEI!
AHH MAN
HIBIYA'S PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY, TOO.
I THOUGHT SO...
WHAT A GIFT, SUGIYAMA!


I CAN'T SEEM TO CLEAR UP MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS...
IT FEELS LIKE
A HAZE HANGING OVER ME
MY SENSES HAVE STARTED TO DULL...
I THINK I CAN DO IT
WELL, GOOD LUCK
OH...
GRADUALLY...
THE TEST WENT AS WELL AS I EXPECTED WITH MY CURRENT MENTAL STATE..
COMP-LETELY AWFUL...
I COULDN'T EVEN CONCENTRATE.
HIBIYA HAD TO GO TALK TO ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER
I'M GOING HOME TO SULK IN BED.
S-I-I-G-H
YOU LOOK DEPRESSED, COOL GUY
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD NOW!
GO DIE!

!
!
NO PROB-LEM. I LIKE TO DO IT
THANKS AS ALWAYS
SASANO'S
.VOICE?
BA-THUMP
SHIM-IZU-SAN
WHY ARE THEY TOGETHER AGAIN..?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

SASANO!
HUH?
OH!
DMUHT
KOGA-KUN!
SASANO, ARE YOU HEADING HOME?
WHAT?!
IS IT NO GOOD?
NO!
HIBIYA TOLD ME HE HAD COMMITTEE WORK TO DO, WHAT ABOUT SUGIYAMA?
OH, I THINK HE LEFT EARLIER.
THEN LET'S GO TOGE-THER.
NO, IT'S GOOD!
SIGH
SHIMIZU-SAN, ARE YOU LEAVING SOON?

THUMP
I'M JUST WAITING FOR A FRIEND.
SORRY, FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR CONVERSATION,
IT'S FINE WE WERE JUST FINISHING UP.
IT FEELS PAINFUL IN MY CHEST.
I FEEL AWFUL, EVEN THOUGH I'M SMILING
THUMP
THEN WE'LL BE GOING FIRST.
AH
GRAB
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
BYE, SHIMIZU-SAN TAKE CARE!
AH!
EH?
YEAH...

WAS THERE SOMETHING, KOGA-KUN?
SOME-THING ?
AH..
WELL.. YOU SEEM DIFFERENT, SINCE THE TEST..

SORRY, IT MIGHT JUST BE MY IMAGI-NATION.
NOT LONG AGO ..
SASANO WOULD RUSH TO FIND THE WORDS TO SPEAK.
HIS AWKWARD MANNERISMS WOULD MAKE ME LAUGH.
I DON'T THINK IT WAS CONCEIT THAT MADE ME WANT TO CLOSE THE DISTANCE
IT'S
NO-THING
..
I WISHED WASN'T BETWEEN US
I SHOULD BE HAPPY.
INTER-RUPTING HIS CONVER-SATION WITH SHIMIZU-SAN
PULLING HIM AWAY
IN THE END, ALL I DO IS CAUSE TROUBLE AND MAKE HIM WORRY.

I DON'T WANT TO
REACH
SA-
KO-
STARTLED
KOGA-KUN'S HAND!
YOUR HAND IS SO COLD!
EH
IT'S BEEN GETTING COLDER!
ARE YOU FEELING SICK?!
UH
I'M OKAY
UM

I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
SASANO'S HAND
FEELS EVEN COLDER.
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT IS...
IT'S DIFFI-CULT
TO UNDER-STAND.
CLENCH

...WHEN WE'RE TOGE-THER.
I... UH..
WELL, I FEEL IT'S GOOD..
ESPECIALLY SINCE KOGA-KUN IS ABLE..
..TO LOOK PAST HOW UNRELIABLE I AM.
LET GO

EH?
PLEASE
EXCUSE ME!
!!!
...
BASE
REALISATION

第五話 END

BEEP
BEEP
38.6℃
THIS IS THE WORST...
AH...
TERRIBLE...

Chapter 6

EH?
KOGA'S ABSENT?
A COLD?
PROB-ABLY
HE MUST BE FEELING PRETTY BAD...
APPARENTLY HE DIDN'T GET HOME UNTIL PRETTY LATE YESTERDAY

WHAT IS IT SASANO?
AH...
NO-THING...
WHAT TIME DID KOGA-KUN GET HOME?
?
AFTER 9PM
I WAS JUST... WONDERING...
?
TWEET-
OKAY, I'M GOING!
YEAH... TAKE CARE
FLAP FLAP
SIGH
NEXT: CLASS-1, TEAM B; CLASS-2 TEAM C!
SENSEI
OH!
SASANO, WE'RE NEXT!

SOME-THING UP?
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU'RE ANNOYING KUPATA!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
I THINK THAT "SOMETHING" IS DEFINITELY UP.
pat
pat
MONPLUSSED
REALISE
WHAT WAS THAT NOW?
DID I JUST IMAGINE IT OR DID YOU PET ME JUST NOW?
DID I

NO, UH...
SOMEHOW
FOR SOME REASON, A GUY IN MY GRADE JUST STROKED MY HAIR.
IS THAT SO?
SORRY
HA?
IT'S OKAY.
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGISE.
I'M NOT THE ONE THAT NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION.
SUGIYAMA
KOGA NEEDS IT MUCH MORE.
IF ANYONE CAN DO SOMETHING RIGHT NOW, IT'S YOU.
HONESTLY
WE HAVE A PAIR OF TROUBLESOME FRIENDS.

TWEET TWEET
YEAH.
WE CERT-AINLY DO.
NEXT..!
THANK YOU!
SASANO
I'M GOING TO KOGA'S HOUSE AFTER SCHOOL,
DO YOU WANT TO COME ALONG?
NICE!
SHOOT
BAM!
AH..
UM...
WELL...

IF I CAME ALONG, I'D PROBABLY JUST BE WEIRDLY ANXIOUS
I'D JUST BE A BOTHER
HOW WOULD YOU BE A BOTHER?
I'M SURE IT WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO TELL HIM THAT
I HOPE HE FEELS BETTER SOON
SORRY.
AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO...
...HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND,
IF YOU TELL HIM
THANK YOU!
ARE THERE MORE BALLS?

SPLISH
MH...
HM...
HA...
YOU'RE AWAKE.
PLACE
HURTS!
IT...
IT...
DON'T EXAG-GERATE.

STARE
I KNOW I KNOW
ISN'T THIS A TERRIBLE WAY TO DEAL WITH YOUR BEDRIDDEN FRIEND?
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR HAVING SUCH AN ACTIVE NIGHTLIFE
NIGHT-LIFE?
HERE
?
SHOVE
I GOT THIS EMAIL WHEN YOU GOT HOME LATE LAST NIGHT
KAZUKI..
INFORMANT
SECOND SON OF THE KOGA FAMILY
EVEN IF MY BIG BROTHER GETS ANGRY, I'M NOT SCARED AT ALL!
KAZUKI-KUN
—SO YOU'RE ENJOYING MY STUPIDITY, HUH?
!!
WHEN I TOLD SASANO

I.. SEE.
HE SAID HE HOPES YOU FEEL BETTER SOON.
I WAS COMING TO SEE YOU, HE REFUSED TO JOIN ME
HE THOUGHT HE'D BE A NUISANCE TO YOU.
CLENCH

YOUICHI
WHAT HAPPENED WITH SASANO YESTERDAY?
HE'S PRETTY WORRIED.
.....

I REALISE HOW LONG
I'VE BEEN SUPPORTED BY MY BEST FRIEND
IF I TELL HIM EVERYTHING,
HE'LL STAY AND LISTEN
IN THIS MOMENT...
AKI
HE...
KISSED ME?
EH?
WELL, ACTUALLY, I KISSED HIM

I NEVER WANTED TO DO IT BEFORE, BUT...
WELL...
I DID IT WITHOUT THINKING.
AHH!
HOW'S THAT?
...BUT,
I KISSED SASANO.
I'M THE SAME, TOO.
I SEE.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU...?
HA HA HA
SORRY, SORRY!

OH...?
YESTERDAY,
WHEN WE WERE WALKING HOME TOGETHER,
I KISSED HIM AND RAN AWAY.
NOD
HANG ON JUST A MINUTE!
YOU JUST RAN AWAY?
...AH, SO THAT'S WHY YOU GOT HOME LATE LAST NIGHT?
WELL, I THOUGHT I'D CLEAR MY HEAD OUTSIDE, THINK THINGS OVER...
AS EXPECTED, IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT..
SIGH
SO, SASANO HEARD ABOUT THIS...
YEAH

SO?
HAS YOUR FEVER GIVEN YOU
THE ANSWER YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?

GOING HOME?
!
SOMEHOW, I THINK I UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION NOW.
YOU REALLY DID CATCH A COLD.
YOU THOUGHT I WAS FAKING?
...IS THAT IT?
WAS THERE SOME-THING ELSE?
IT WAS POSSIBLE, CONSIDERING YOUR CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS.
HEART-LESS.
COMPLAIN TO ME WHEN YOU FEEL BETTER
WELL, AREN'T YOU FULL OF PROBLEMS..?
WHAT CAN I SAY...
YEAH, YEAH.

YOUICHI...
ONCE THE TWO OF YOU SETTLE THINGS, YOU CAN TALK AGAIN.
HESI-TANT...
IF YOU'RE HESITANT, IT'LL JUST CAUSE TROUBLE
YOU HAVE TO SETTLE THIS. I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS, BUT
IF YOU'RE REJECTED, I'LL CHEER YOU UP.
WOW
WHAT A CLICHE.
GO FOR IT, TAKE A RISK.

...I HAVE TO TALK TO HIM.
GLOOM
I'M SO PATHETIC.
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO SASANO YET...
I WAS AWAY FOR THREE DAYS
SCHOOL'S ALREADY OVER
I JUST COULDN'T COME UP WITH A REASON TO MEET HIM.
I COULD HAVE MADE TIME AT LUNCH, IF I'D THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
I NEED TO COLLECT MY WORK...
I REALLY FAILED AT LUNCHTIME...

SHIMIZU-SAN
FIVE OR EVEN THREE MINUTES.
CAN YOU TALK FOR A SEC?
I HEARD YOU WERE ABSENT.
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
MORE OR LESS I CAME BACK TO SCHOOL TODAY.
CONGRATULATIONS IS WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY.

I'M SORRY.
I INTERRUPTED YOUR CONVERSATION WITH SASANO THE OTHER DAY.
WELL,
IT WASN'T REALLY ANYTHING YOU NEEDED TO APOLOGISE FOR.
I LIKE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.
I CAN'T ACT AS COOL AS SHMIZU-SAN.
I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH YOU'VE HEARD FROM SUGIYAMA, BUT
YOU'VE NOTICED I STILL LIKE SASANO, HAVEN'T YOU?
AH!

UH.. THAT...
THE PERSON THAT'S
RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES..
I SEE YOU LIKE HIM, TOO? THAT MAKES US LOVE RIVALS.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD. IT REALLY ANNOYED ME.
...SASANO WAS FEELING
THE SAME WAY ABOUT HIM.
WELL,
THAT'S GOOD.
G-HMM
!

IF YOU'D HAD A CALM EXPRESSION
I'D WANT TO HIT THAT PRETTY FACE OF YOURS.
HIT
I WOULDN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL...
AH
NOW, COME ON.
I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T CONSIDER THAT POSSIBILITY AT ALL BEFORE.
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED IN THIS CASE.
HUH?
IT CAN BE HARD TO SEE WHAT'S RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE.
SEE YA
WHY DID YOU TELL ME THIS?

BE-
CAUSE,
I WANT TO SEE SASANO SMILE. HE LOOKS MUCH BETTER THAT WAY RIGHT?
IT CAN'T BE
TOMOR-
ROW
MY HEAD IS STILL SPINNING...
...BUT, I WON'T BE HAPPY WITHOUT A RESOLUTION.

I THINK I FINALLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
PANT
PANT
SA-
KOGA-
KUN
YOU
IDIOT!!
UH?
IDIOT?

AH.. SORRY..
THAT'S THE PROB-LEM!!
YOU GOT HERE SO QUICKLY, I HAVEN'T HAD TO WAIT TOO LONG.
HUH?
AH, BUT
YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT IN THE COLD?! YOU SHOULD BE IN BED!!
BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE ME...
...
I'M GLAD,
WHAT IS IT SASANO?
IMP
HEY!
WHAT NOW?!
EH?
THAT'S MY LINE.
SA-SA-NO...
I WAS SO INCRED-IBLY RELI-EVED WHEN I GOT YOUR EMAIL.

OH.
OH.
JUMP
NO... WELL..
AS FOR MY RUNNING AWAY YESTERDAY
I SHOULD FIRSTLY TELL THE TRUTH AND APOLOGISE.
OH?
WELL, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY HATE YOU!
SASANO
!
EH...
WELL...
AH...
I'VE BEEN THINK-ING ABOUT ALL THE THINGS I COULD SAY TO YOU.
BUT, I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TALENT FOR THIS KIND OF THING.
I RAN AWAY...

I WANT TO MAKE THE PERSON I LIKE TO SMILE.
I STILL WANT THAT, EVEN NOW.
SO MUCH.
I'M A LOT MORE SELFISH AND EGOTISTICAL THAN YOU THINK.
BUT I SPOKE TO SHIMIZU-SAN A LITTLE WHILE AGO AND REALISED SOMETHING.
IT'S SASANO.
...THAT YOU LIKE?
KOGA-KUN, WHO IS IT...
AH...

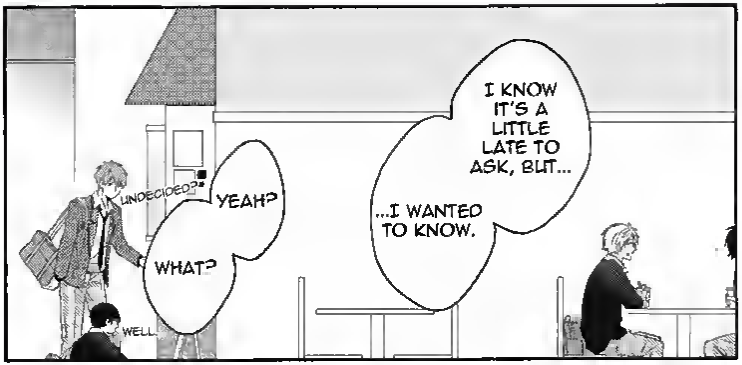
I
LIKE SASANO.
SIGH
I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TO SAY...
..NOW, SASANO,
WHO IS IT
THAT YOU LIKE?
I SHOULD HAVE SAID MORE..
THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT
OF ME

THE WORDS
I COULDN'T SAY...
I LIKE
KOGA-KUN.
!
YOU'VE BEEN
IN FRONT OF ME FOR A WHILE, KOGA-KUN.
SASANO GAVE ME THEIR MEANING.
AFTER THIS WE SHOULD SPEAK SLOWLY.

OW!
THUMP
OR
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
WAG
WAG
WAG
UH...
EH?!
A DOG!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!
SORRY.
THIS IS A PUBLIC SPACE, SO YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT WHO MIGHT PASS BY
UGH
PERHAPS WE'RE INTRUDING?
JUST WALKING THE DOG
TOO BAD IT'S A PUBLIC PARK
SUGIYAMA...
AND HIBIYA
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO TAKE HIM OUT WHEN HE STARTS BEGGING

IS THIS YOUR PUPPY, HIBIYA-KUN?
HEY
NO.
SERVES YOU RIGHT
YOU LOST TO A DOG
PASSING BY?
IT SEEMS WE STILL HAVE SOME OBSTACLES.
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY SAVIOUR, SUGIYAMA...
THAT WAS VERY NAIVE.
SO,
IS IT PURELY AN ACCIDENT YOU'RE HERE RIGHT NOW?
IF I HAD TO SAY.
IT WAS A NECESSARY ACCIDENT.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MUTUAL LOVE
IT SEEMS LIKE
IT WON'T BE JUST THE TWO OF US FOR A WHILE
YOU SEEM BOTHERED
BUT... AH...
THIS IS OKAY!
HE'S GOING TO EXPLODE
YOU'RE SO CUTE!
第六話 ／ END

DEAR DAD IN HEAVEN (I HOPE),
I'M SCHEDULED TO WORK OVER CHRISTMAS
THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING SURPRISING TO REPORT.
WELL, I'D LIKE TO GO OUT WITH YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
GULP
BOTH THE PERSON I LIKE AND I CONFESSED OUR MUTUAL FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER.
THE OTHER DAY,
WELL...
IT'S TOO BAD.
OH.
YOU KNOW WHAT, KOGA-KUN!
IT'S VERY DIFFE-RENT TODAY.
HM?
OH!
FUTHERMORE, HE'S A SPARKLY, HANDSOME GUY!
SUCK
"PLEASE GIVE US YOUR APPROVAL!"


I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO ASK, BUT...
...I WANTED TO KNOW.
UNDECIDED?
YEAH?
WHAT?
WELL...

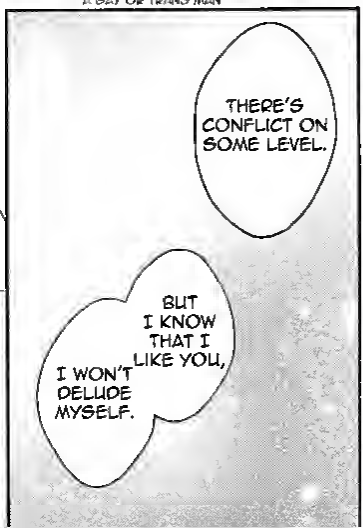
YOUR BLUSHING IS SO CUTE
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WITH SUCH A FACE
AH...
YEAH...

Are we b-b- boyfriends now?!
(whispering)
!!

I DEFINITELY MEANT IT WHEN I CONFESSED!
WELL, BUT I'M...
A GUY, YOU KNOW?

EH?
YEAH
?
PUZ
zled
I KNOW.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD MISTAKE YOUR GENDER, SASANO.
HAHAHA
O!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT?!
WHAT IS THIS GUY THINKING?
I KNOW
THAT WE'RE BOTH GUYS, SASANO.
I STILL SAID I LIKED YOU.
YEAH
WELL, I GUESS IT'S...
SMILE
RIGHT.
AH...
DIDN'T I?

*A GAY OR TRANS MAN



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WE HAVE SUPPORTERS IN OUR FRIENDS
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OUR SCHEDULES OVER WINTER.
I HAVE TO WORK OVER CHRISTMAS.
I HOPE WE HAVE AN AWESOME HOLIDAY.
IS THAT A DATE?
DEFINITELY.
!!
YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR FACE
OH!
ARE YOU FREE IN THE NEW YEAR?
JANUARY'S OKAY.
MY SHIFTS HAVEN'T BEEN DECIDED YET
THAT'S GOOD!
THEN LET'S GO ON OUR FIRST SHRINE VISIT TOGETHER!
WE SHOULD ASK KURATA, TOO
I'LL GO!
!
ANOTHER GROUP DATE

彼らに関わって下さった皆様
本当にありがとうございました!!
担当の○さま Iさま
友人方や家族にはとてもたくさん
支えて頂きました。
心から感謝しております

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